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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL  
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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of  
your letter No.518 of February 20 on the subject of  
H. de Waal and to thank you for the information  
contained therein.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Officer i/c Special Branch.

J. Van den Berg, Esquire,

Consulate-General for the Netherlands,  
Shanghai.

CONFIDENTIËEL

CONSULAAT-GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN  
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.  
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
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No. 518.

SHANGHAI.

20th February 1923.

Sir,

With reference to the letter addressed by H. de Waal, Kali Besar, w. 6 at Batavia to the Soviet Consul-General at Shanghai, which was handed to this Consulate General in the beginning of November last year, I have the honour to inform you that inquiries made by the Netherlands Indian Authorities show that Mr. de Waal can not be considered as a person dangerous to public peace and order.

His application for a position in Soviet Russia should be looked upon as having been made by a person, who, being entirely without means, and having tried to obtain employment everywhere, looks forward to an appointment in Russia as a last resort.

So far nothing to his detriment from a political point of view has come to the knowledge of the Netherlands Indian Authorities.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*[Signature]*

for Consul-General.

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T. P. Givens, Esquire,  
Officer i/c Special Branch,  
Shanghai Municipal Police,  
SHANGHAI.

*B. Ray Please acknowledge*

*[Signature]*  
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**SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.**  
**SECRET**  
**REPORT**

File No. 4206  
SECTION 2 Station  
Date November 17, 1932

Subject (in full) Letter from H. de Waal (Batavia) addressed to "the Consul-General of the Union of Russian Republics, Shanghai, China".

Made by D.S. Prokofiev

Forwarded by D.B.R. 21

Attached herewith I beg to forward a letter in English dated September 16, 1932, Batavia, from a certain H. de Waal, addressed to "the Consul-General of the Union of Russian Republics, Shanghai, China", which was received from a confidential source.

A. Prokofiev

D.S.

*I would suggest that the original correspondence be forwarded to the Netherlands Cons. Gen. for info.*

Officer i/c Special Branch

D.B.R. 4/11

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*Please pass the original letter and envelope to Mr. Van der Berg (deal with the matter as he thinks fit). Please ask Mr. Van der Berg to regard the matter as strictly secret. Tampering with letters addressed to Consulates is a dangerous practice and should be discouraged.*

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*Documents passed to H. Van der Berg.*

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*8:11:32*

Copy of letter in English dated September 16, 1932, Batavia addressed to "the Consul-General of the Union of Russian Republics, Shanghai, China".

Dear Sir,

I shall be extremely obliged if you would be good enough to inform me regarding the following matter:

For some time it has been my intention to seek a position in Russia and the more I read about the Union of Russian Republics the greater my interest has been in the strong idealism on which the new civilisation of your country is based, and the stronger my objection became to the present-day European-American civilisation. At the moment I have come to the stage that I seriously want to get away from this civilisation where money is in the end the only standard and measure of everything-and where lack of money means a life which is restricted in every way.

I should therefore be obliged if you would inform me whether there would be any possibility at all for me to find a position in Russia and, if so, in which way I could achieve this aim best.

For your guidance I would emphasize that I have come to this decision after ripe thought and because as an idealist I have been thoroughly fascinated by the vitality and vigor of this new ideal of civilisation, while further I hope to find in Russia some work to which I can devote myself while being in a country where comparatively all live in the same way and where lack of money does not necessarily mean restriction.

As regards myself I can say that I am 33 years of age and unmarried. I have 12 years experience in the import-trade, the export-trade, business managing and administration. I speak English, French and German fluently and I have a quick brain, energy and imagination so that I am confident I could be useful for almost any intellectual work, whereas my knowledge of languages would probably be useful for all employments connected with foreign trade or anything else which has to do with other countries.

It will naturally be essential to speak Russian well in order to find any employment at all in Russia and I shall of course start taking lessons at once if you think there would be a good chance for me to make a living in your country.

Hoping to hear from you and thanking in anticipation for any news, I remain, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully

( Signed ) De Waal.

H. de Waal  
Kali Besar W 6  
Batavia ( Netherlands India )